

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO *

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

Vol. VII, No. 12, April 1909

Annual meeting:

Hotel Vendome, San Jose, April 20, 21, and 22, 1909.

Adjourned, Thank God.—Let us give voice to those feelings of relief and gratification which surge through the manly bosom by saying, with heartfelt emphasis, *Thank God! The legislature has adjourned!!* For some possibly unaccountable reason, the attacks upon the medical and dental laws were unusually fierce and numerous this session. Bills of all sorts, introduced by all sorts of impossible people, intended to do all sorts of things to the medical law, were introduced; and at least one bad bill came pretty near to passing. In fact, Assembly Bill No. 1331, fathered by Mr. Silver of Pleasanton, who seems to think he knows more about medical legislation than any other semi-living human being on earth or in the heavens above it, passed the Senate by a vote of 21 to 15 on the night of March 20. . . .

Genius Debauched. . . . —What a man has done—his record—means nothing in a partisan fight like this attack on Dr. George H. Simmons, editor of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. It means nothing to these throwers of manufactured mud that *The Journal of the American Medical Association* has come to be, in the last ten years, and under Doctor Simmons' management, the foremost medical publication in the world. It means nothing to these gentlemen (Heaven save the word!) that the Association has grown and thrived beyond the fondest dreams of those who helped its reorganization less than a decade ago. But it does mean much to this coterie that, with growth and prosperity has come an ability to attack fraud and dishonesty and trickery, and to put out of business many a fake nostrum and many a fraudulent proprietary whose only worth was in the value of its advertising. And it is with the ranks of the fakes and the frauds that ——— joins in attacking the Association, through its secretary and editor. The downfall of a possibly great man is a pitiable thing; there is no antagonism against Doctor Simmons raised by such obvious attacks; only pity for Dr. ———. . . .

We Still Progress.—Under date of February, 1909, Leland Stanford Junior University puts out a preliminary announcement of its department of medicine, founded as Cooper Medical College. The taking over of Cooper Medical College by Stanford University is a notable event for our state and for medical education in general. . . .

From an article on "Treatment of Burns" by Chester J. Teass, M. D., Kennett.

My excuse, if any is necessary, for bringing to your attention the treatment of so common a condition as that of burns is due to the very fact of their importance through their frequency. . . .

From an article on "Medical Milk Commissions and the Importance of a Pure Milk Supply" by William L. Holt, M. D., Santa Barbara.

I think we physicians hardly appreciate the importance of the milk supply as a factor in health and dis-

* This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of society work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

(Continued in front Advertising Section, page 15)

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA *

By CHARLES B. PINKHAM, M. D.
Secretary-Treasurer

News Items

At a meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners held in Los Angeles February 26 to March 1, the following changes in status of licentiates were made:

Bruguere, Pedar S., M. D. Restored February 26, 1934. Probation for two years.
Barber, Schuyler A., M. D. Restored February 26, 1934. Probation for five years, without narcotic privileges.
Citron, I. Jesse, M. D. Restored February 26, 1934. Probation for five years, without narcotic privileges.
del Castillo, Antonio Lopez, M. D. Revoked March 1, 1934.
Enos, Joseph B., M. D. Three years' probation, February 27, 1934.
Freeman, Ernest, M. D. Restored February 26, 1934. Probation for five years.
Hopkins, Cary N., M. D. Two years' probation, March 1, 1934.
Looser, Reinhardt, M. D. Three years' probation, February 28, 1934.
Northrup, Frank Andruss, M. D. Revoked February 27, 1934.
Piburn, John L., M. D. Revoked March 1, 1934.
Rosslyn, Isadore M., M. D. Probation, March 1, 1934, five years, without narcotic privileges.
Sandholdt, John P., M. D. February 28, 1934, five years' probation, without narcotic privileges.
Simmons, Joy V., D. C. (drugless practitioner). Revoked March 1, 1934.

"With District Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda County pointing the way, it is now up to the other district attorneys of California to 'crack down' on fraudulent health insurance racketeers if the state is to be cleansed of this menace. This assertion came today from Dr. George G. Reinle of Oakland, president of the California Medical Association. 'We know that this nefarious racket can be stopped,' Doctor Reinle said. "Our district attorney obtained nineteen grand jury indictments. One confessed racketeer is serving a prison term, and two are serving jail terms. In other counties of California nothing has been done, and yet we have reason to believe that the health insurance racket is even more prevalent elsewhere than here. . . . There is no good reason why these racketeers should be permitted to prey upon the people any more. . . ." (Oakland *Post-Inquirer*, March 12, 1934.)

Under date of February 19 the Board of Chiropractic Examiners reported that at a meeting held in Sacramento February 10, 1934, the chiropractic licenses of the following individuals were revoked: George Dunbar Brison, D. C., Joy V. Simmons, D. C., and R. Harry Snyder, D. C.

Reports relate that Jean de Desley on February 6, 1934, pleaded guilty to a violation of the Medical Practice Act in the Justice Court of San Gabriel Township and was sentenced to serve sixty days in the county jail, suspended for six months. (Previous entries, September, 1926; January, 1927; June and July, 1933.)

"E. E. Rood, who, as astrologer of the air, broadcast for a time from a Tia Juana station, yesterday won probation on a charge of violation of the State Corporation Securities Act. Probation was conditioned on his immediate delivering \$1,000 to pay the state \$250, cost of extraditing him from Texas; \$600 in labor claims and \$150 partial refund of money obtained from a local man for stock in a recording corporation in which Rood is alleged to have sold stock without a permit from the state. In addition, Rood must make

* The office addresses of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are printed in the roster on advertising page 6.

(Continued in front Advertising Section, page 17)